

## Message Text

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ACTION DLOS-09

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00  
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R 310632Z JAN 78  
FM USINT BAGHDAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5585  
INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
AMEMBASSY DOHA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PLOS, IZ  
SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA

1. COMMENTING ON THE RECENT AFRO-ASIAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE  
CONFERENCE IN DOHA, THE HEAD OF IRAQ'S LOS DELEGATION  
HAS TOLD USINT THAT MOST DELEGATES FEEL THE USG IS  
BLUFFING ON THE SEABEDS ISSUE. DR. ABDUL HUSSEIN  
KUTAIFEH, WHO AS CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEGAL  
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED IRAQ AT THE DOHA MEETING, SAID  
THAT SKEPTICAL THIRD WORLD VIEW PERSISTED DESPITE  
THE FACT THAT THE SRI LANKAN DELEGATE, SHIRLEY AMERISINGHE,  
WARNED OTHER DELEGATES THAT UNILATERAL U.S. LEGISLATION  
IS NOT AN IDLE THREAT.

2. KUTAIFEH HAD NOT SEEN AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S STATEMENT  
OF JANUARY 18 AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRCIATION FOR RECEIVING  
IT. WE TOLD KUTAIFEH OF OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE  
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ADMINISTRATION STANDS FIRMLY BEHIND THE RICHARDSON STATE-  
MENT.  
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